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Higher education institutions worldwide are increasingly recognised as hubs of innovation and research leadership. As countries prioritise research-driven growth, India has steadily strengthened its presence in international scholarly conversations. In response to these developments, St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, continues to reaffirm its dedication to promoting a vibrant research culture. The Research Forum of the college functions as a catalyst in this endeavour, encouraging critical thinking, originality, and scholarly discipline among emerging researchers.

With the objective of enhancing academic competence and empowering students, the forum consistently facilitates academic events such as seminars, workshops, orientation programmes, and conferences. These initiatives provide young scholars with valuable opportunities to sharpen their research skills, explore interdisciplinary perspectives, and engage with current intellectual debates. The present issue of *Marian Quest* showcases a selection of student research papers that demonstrate analytical depth, methodological rigour, and an increasing awareness of research ethics and standards. All contributions have undergone expert evaluation to ensure academic credibility and quality.

We record our deep appreciation to the management for its unwavering support and encouragement in fostering a research-oriented academic environment. We are equally grateful to the reviewers for their time, expertise, and constructive feedback, which have significantly enriched this publication. Our sincere thanks are also due to the contributors and the members of the Research Forum, whose collective efforts have brought this issue to fruition.

We are confident that *Marian Quest* will continue to evolve as a dynamic scholarly platform, promoting intellectual engagement and contributing meaningfully to the academic life of St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi.

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